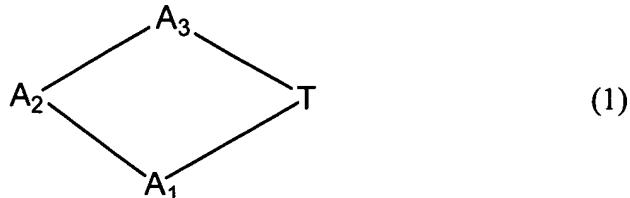


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-33 (canceled)

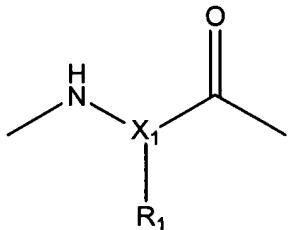
Claim 34 (currently amended): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1):



and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts,

wherein

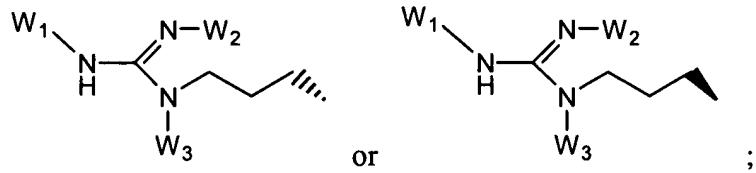
A₁ is:



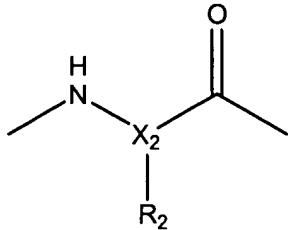
wherein

X₁ is -CH-, and

R₁ is



A₂ is:

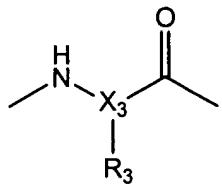


wherein

X₂ is -CH-, and

R₂ is H;

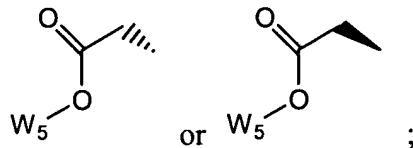
A₃ is:



wherein

X₃ is -CH-, and

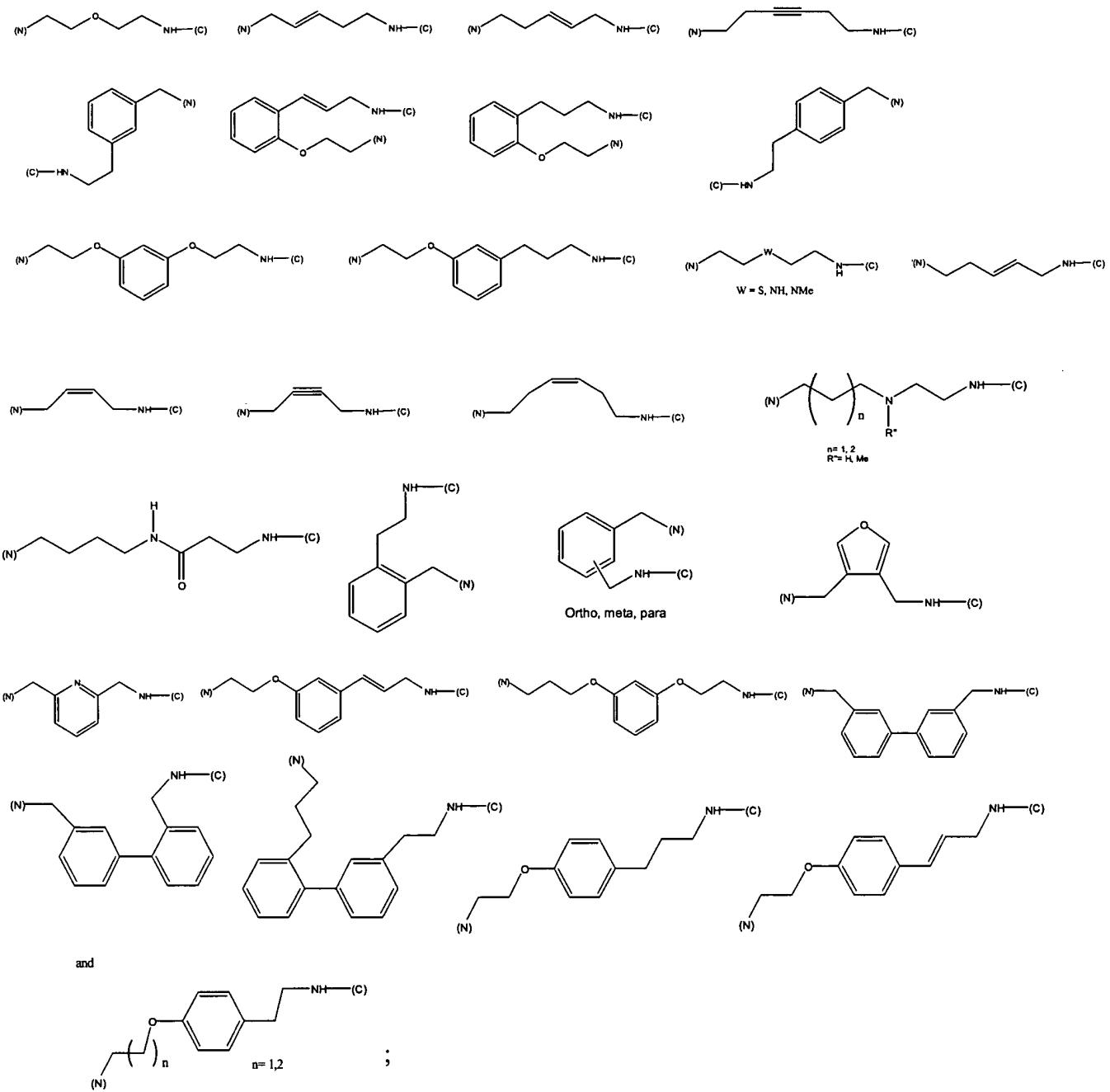
R₃ is



W₁, W₂, W₃, and W₅ are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and protecting groups used for orthogonal protection in peptide synthesis;

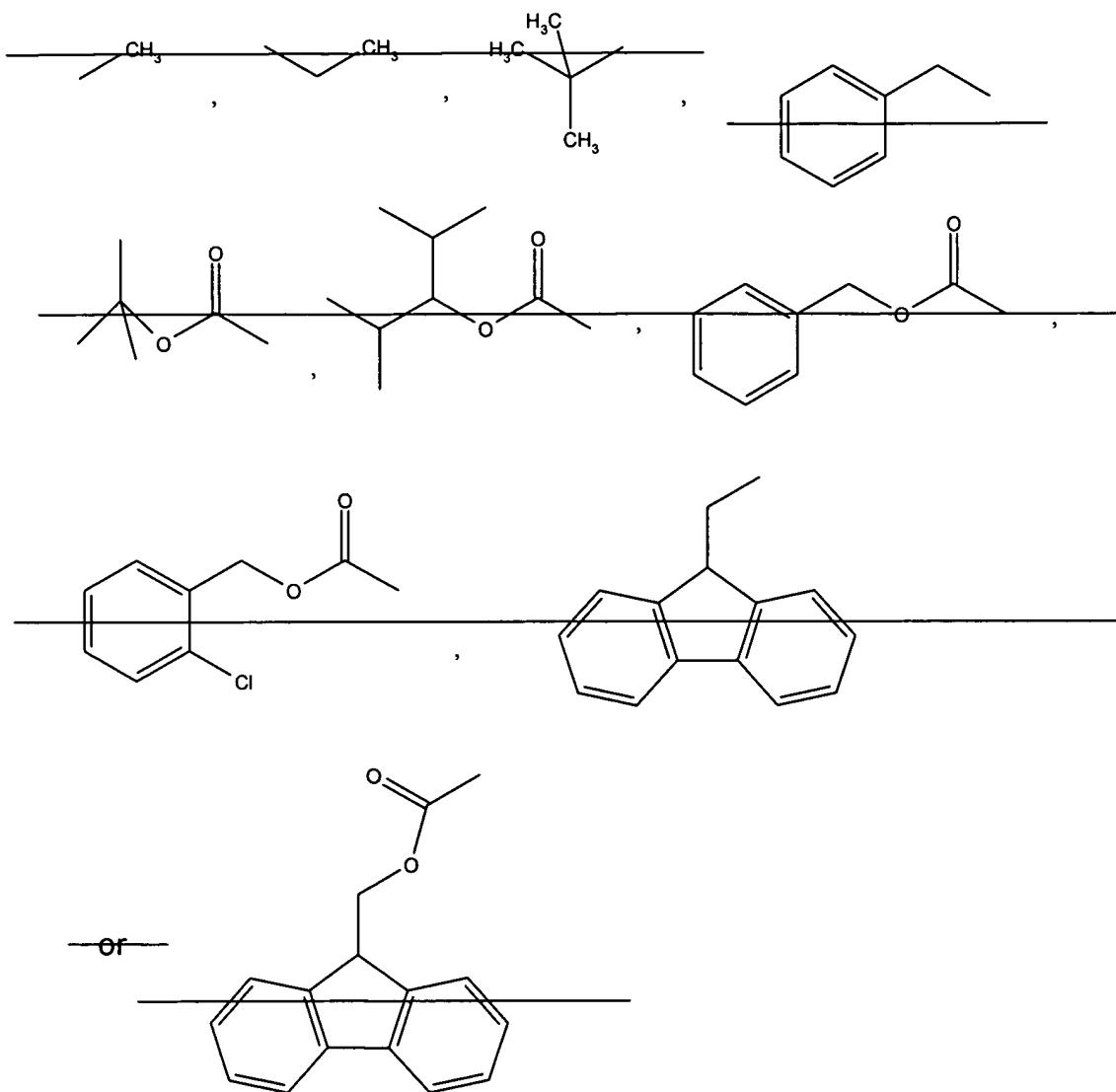
wherein the carbonyl carbon of A₁ is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A₂, and the carbonyl carbon of A₂ is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A₃;

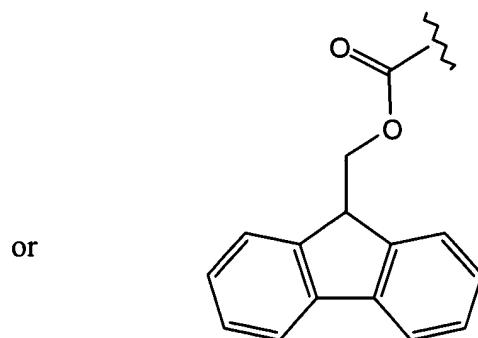
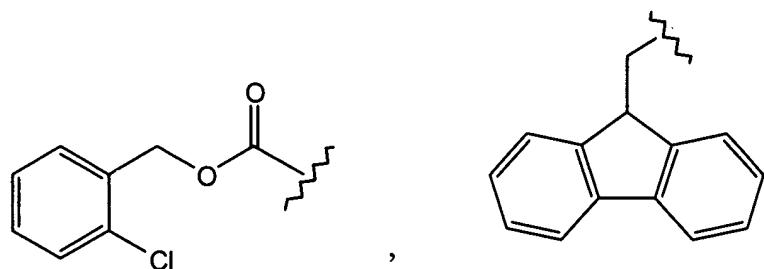
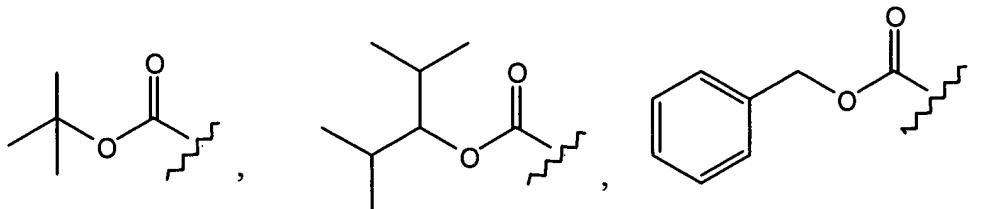
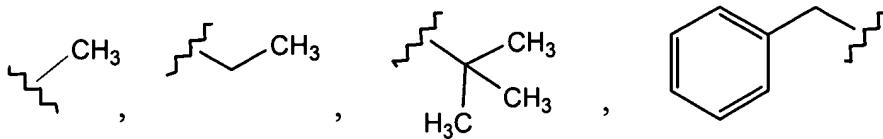
Fragment T is a radical selected from the group consisting of:



wherein (N) is the nitrogen atom of A_1 of formula (1) and (C) is the carbonyl carbon of A_3 of formula (1).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein W_1 , W_2 , W_3 , and W_5 are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a compatible protecting group chosen from:





Claim 36 (previously presented): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein W₁, W₂, W₃, and W₅ each represents hydrogen.